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THE OBSERVATOR.

emarks on the Inconsistency of the Depositions about the Pretender's Birth, and the time of ing them. The Care that L'Estrange, *the Guide of the High Church Clergy, took be- d to prepare the Nation for such an Imposture. The Impudence of the Faction equal to the Author of King* William's *Exorbitant Grants, who laid down a Plan for bringing Pretender.*

From Wednesday, February 28. to Saturday, March 3. 1711.

THE Jacobites, and their Brethren the Highfliers, are terrible mad with us, Master, for what we said last day of their ons about the Pretender's Birth. To be and I shall be excluded the general Par- never he comes to the Throne.

I pity their Folly and Madness, *Roger*: God, for the Sins of the Nation, should t Judgment to come upon it, they will to their Cost, that they must fare no an you and I, except they turn Papists s. The former, I believe, too many of make little Scruple about, but the latter n't love any more than others; for tho ch up Arbitrary Power, 'tis only to flat- es, that they themselves may be made uments of Tyranny over the Bodies and Men, but they don't care to be the Ob- it. We saw enough of that in the Reign te King *James*; for tho in their flanting s they gave him the Epithet of *Just*, and People from their Pulpits, *That his Pro- a sufficient Security, and that he had never se than his Word*; yet as soon as he set High Commission-Court, and began to eir Fellowships and other Propertys, ng'd their Note, rung a loud Peel of the Danger; and the *Vox Cleri*, i. e. Voice Clergy, that till then had been on his rn'd universally against him: such was al- nd ever will be the Inconsistency betwixt nciples and Practices of our Highfliers. o our Reflections on the Depositions, *Ro-* y may blame themselves. If they will such Libels against her Majesty's Title *Hanover* Succession, they must be content their Idol expos'd, and the Imposture Birth laid open.

rym. Pray let me have some more of your ts upon the Warming-Pan Hero, Master; ay help to open the Eyes of the deluded and let them see that the Coals of the ng-Pan were design'd to rekindle the Fires *thfield.*

The very Depositions themselves, *Roger*, ough to open the Eyes of all Men of Sense. *Jacobite Book of Midwifery* is as much with Falshood as Obscenity. There's a le Contradiction betwixt the Oath of the *Bellasyse*, *pag.* 13. and that of Midwife *pag.* 21. The former swears, 'That after Navel-string was cut, and the Child sepa- d from the After-Birth, she saw it taken out he Bed, and that it was a Son; but not ing it cry, and seeing it a little black, she afraid it was in a Convulsion Fit.' The lat- ears, 'That as soon as she parted the Child the After-Burden, it presently cry'd; but 'the Lady *Bellasyse* swears it did not, and yet *she 'stood behind the Midwife's Chair.*' I believe, *Roger*, the most acute Jacobite Disputant will never be able to reconcile this Contradiction.

There's another remarkable Passage in the Lady *Bellasyse*'s Deposition, That when she came into the Bedchamber, she found the Queen in Bed, and Midwife *Wilks* with her Hands in it; that the Midwife having told the Queen, that at the next great Pain the Child would be born, the King order'd the Privy Counsellors to be call'd in: by which 'tis plain the Midwife had opportunity enough to manage the Cheat of the Warming-Pan before the Privy Counsellors were call'd on.

The Earl of *Melfort*, *pag.* 30. who every one knows was a very willing Evidence, had better Ears than any body there; for he swears he heard the Child cry before it was brought from within the Bed, immediately when the Queen said she did not hear it cry; and yet he stood on the other side the Bed, tho the Lady *Bellasyse*, who stood at the Back of the Midwife's Chair, could hear no such thing.

The time of taking these Depositions is also very observable, *Roger*: The Child they say was born the 10th of *June*, and these Depositions were not taken till the 22d of *October* following, which is three Months and twelve Days; time enough in all reason to practise upon the Witnesses, and to prepare their Affidavits. The occasion of doing it is no less remarkable: The King declares, *p.* 6. 'That the Prince of *Orange* was expected with 'the first fair Easterly Wind to invade the King- 'dom, and his Majesty design'd to go against 'him in Person, by which he might be expos'd to 'Accidents; therefore he thought it necessary to 'have it then done, to satisfy the Minds of his 'Subjects, and to prevent the Kingdom's being en- 'gag'd in Blood and Confusion after his Death.' Now, *Roger*, this was so weak, and look'd so like a premeditated Imposture, that whoever put that Prince upon speaking thus, had no regard to his Credit. His Majesty knew well enough that the Nation suspected a Cheat all the time of the Queen's suppos'd Pregnancy: Then had it not been so, why was he so far wanting to himself, and his pretended Son, as not to have had his two Daughters, or Protestant Ladies deputed by them, to see the Child born of the Queen's Body? He knew the two Ladies to be Princesses of Great Souls, and Protestants. He likewise knew that the Princes their Husbands were Men of uncommon Courage and Conduct, and particularly that the Prince of *Orange*, by himself and his Allies, was one of the most powerful Princes in *Europe*: So that he had no reason to think, that either of the Ladies, or their Husbands, would be content without having that common Justice done them, which is done by Law to such as are entitled to the meanest Inheritance.

ritance. This is such an Objection as can never be answer'd. He knew well enough what had been practis'd at the Birth of the *French* King, where the next Heir, tho a Male, was allow'd to see as much as the Midwife. He had heard, no doubt, or his Priests knew it, that *Constance* Wife to the Emperor *Henry* VI. being thought to be past Child-bearing, the Emperor when she prov'd with Child allow'd People to be constantly about her to examine the Truth of her Pregnancy; and when her time came, order'd a publick Stage to be erected for her Labour, where every one that pleas'd had access to see the Birth of his Son, who was afterwards the Emperor *Frederick* II. If an Elective Prince took such care, 'twas much more incumbent upon one that was Hereditary. Besides, those who had the next Title to King *James* being both Females, there was no room for a Plea of Modesty.

Countrym. Let the Highflying Jacks and Gills answer these Objections if they can, Master; I am sure they made such an Impression upon the Kingdom, that all the Water of St. *Winifred*'s Well, and of the *Bath* too (which 'twas pretended help'd the Conception) will never be able to wash it off, tho they take the assistance of all the Holy Water that our Popish and High-Church Priests are able to consecrate into the bargain.

Obs. I hope so, *Roger*. It were endless to write all the Objections that may be rais'd against these Depositions; but the curious Reader, who has a mind to be satisfy'd of the Imposture, may find it unanswerably done in the Memorial that was sent over to the Prince and Princess of *Orange* in 1688. printed soon after the Revolution, and since reprinted in the first Volume of State-Tracts in King *William*'s Reign. It is writ with so much Strength and Judgment, and gives such a solid Answer to the main Objection of the Party, *viz.* that the proof of the Imposture lay upon the Prince of *Orange*, who mention'd it in his Declaration, as will admit of no Reply.

Countrym. I remember, Master, that *L'Estrange* in his *Observator* of *August* 23. 1682. took a great deal of pains to prepare the Nation for that Imposture which happen'd in 1688. and you know he was as much the Guide of the Inferiour Highflying Clergy at that time, as *Lesley*, *Sacheverel*, &c. have been since. The words are these, Master: He makes his Tory tell the Whig, 'That if 'it had pleas'd God to give his Royal Highness 'the Blessing of a *Son* as it prov'd a *Daughter*, 'you were prepar'd to make a *Perkin* of him. To 'what end did you take so much pains else by your 'Instruments and Intelligence to hammer into the 'People's heads that the Dutchess of *York* was not 'with Child; and so *in case of a Son, to represent 'him as an Impostor?* Whereas now you have 'taken off the Mask, in confessing the Daughter.

'*Whig.* Half these words might have serv'd, 'methinks.

'*Tory.* How you and I differ upon the Point! 'For to my thinking there's not half enough said 'yet. I would have the Impression of this Cheat 'sink so far into the Heads and Hearts of all ho-'nest Men, as never to be either defac'd or for-'gotten; for we must expect that the *same Sham 'shall at any time hereafter be trump'd up again upon 'the like occasion.*'

Obs. That's very remarkable indeed, *Roger*; but this Tory Precaution, instead of covering, helps to discover the Cheat, and makes the late King *James* and his Queen unexcusable: for since they knew the Nation suspected an Imposture so many years before, there can [illegible] why they should not have taken [illegible] above-mention'd, to prevent all Su[illegible] Birth in 1688. had it not been a C[illegible] lowing, *Roger*, that the Queen was [illegible] of a Child for Argument sake, 'tis [illegible] can now be at any certainty that [illegible] is he; for since the suppos'd Heir was [illegible] into the Country of one who is the [illegible] of our Nation and Religion, he may [illegible] and another trump'd up in his place: [illegible] publishing of the Depositions at this [illegible] stand the Party in no stead among [illegible] ple.

Countrym. I observe, Master, that [illegible] of these Depositions 'tis said, *Publish'd [illegible] jesty's special Command:* Was there any [illegible] in those publish'd by King *James*'s Order

Obs. Not one word of it, *Roger*. [illegible] of the Copys printed by *Bill*, *Hills*, [illegible] *comb*, the King's Printers; and you [illegible] thing: only there's the King's Order for them. So that we have reason to suppose be printed by Command of the Pre[illegible] whom they may as well give the Title of as they sell his Pictures with all her Ma[illegible] tles under them, and sing Songs abo[illegible] wherein they call him her Majesty's Such a height of Impudence is the Fact[illegible] to! yet the honest *Examiner* will have [illegible] lousies that there are Designs on foot to the Pretender, to be only a Noise and rais'd by the Whigs.

Countrym. He might as well say the *King* William's *Exorbitant Grants* was Master; who in 1702. on pretence of *against the Grants of that Prince, in ord[illegible] them resum'd*, took an opportunity, [illegible] to lay down a Plan for bringing in the P[illegible] to make the Queen his Guardian and and had the boldness to dedicate the Pr[illegible] her Majesty and the then House of C[illegible] I suppose, Master, the Depositions are with some such View; for the 29th of [illegible] proaches fast now, against which time L[illegible] vis'd the Bishop of *Sarum* to prepare an[illegible] storation-Sermon. But blessed be God, we have a Queen on the Throne, and a in the Reversion, who will not be easily [illegible] of 'em by Mrs. *Shaftoe*'s *Prince Oglethorp*.

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The Daily Courant.

Thurſday, March 1. 1711.

Dublin, Feb. 20.

HE 30th of January laſt, an Account was ſent up to Dublin to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, from the County of Kerry, that a Ship from Dant- caſt away on that Coaſt, and ſome men, who eſcaped Shipwreck, dy'd gue two Days after their Landing, hat ſome of the Inhabitants dy'd ne Diſtemper; which Account ha- laid before the Lords Juſtices and their Excellencies and Lordſhips diate Directions by Expreſs to the riff and other Gentlemen of that living near the Sea Coaſt, (taking ſiſtance ſome able Phyſitian of that to inquire into the Truth of the rt, and if they found any ſuch Di- here, to take all prudent Methods t its Infection from ſpreading; but und the ſaid Report to be falſe, to their Excellencies and the Council, ions upon Oath thereof, to give Pub- faction that no ſuch Diſtemper was County; and the ſaid High Sheriff other Gentlemen imploy'd in that did accordingly ſend up Examina- n Oath, of ſeveral Perſons of good nd alſo of the Phyſitian appointed into the Matter, that the ſaid Re- not only falſe, but that they were from all parts of the ſaid County, Inhabitants thereof were never in ſtate of Health then at this

Feb. 18. Here is arriv'd the Een- f Amſterdam, laden with Powder, ns, &c. She had a Turkiſh Ambaſſa- oard, going home, but the Ship be- to proceed is put in here, and the dor who came aſhoar at Bantry is her.

th, Feb. 25. Yeſterday came in the h, Medway, and Litchfield from the d with a Prize of 36 Guns, former- the Sorlings. Laſt Night came in eſty's Ship York from the Weſt- This Day came in the John of and blin, with Butter for Oſtend.

Yarmouth, Feb. 26. Yeſterday paſs'd through this Road the Bonetta Sloop with 16 Sail from Lynn and that Coaſt; and in the Night one Veſſel that came with them from Lynn with Corn for London, being a Shallop call'd the Anne, belonging to Sunderland, John Newton Maſter, fell athwrat a great Swediſh Flyboat and Sunk, but all the Men were ſaved. Here remain in theſe Roads her Majeſty's Ships the Advice, Nightingal, Margate and Diligence, all bound to the Northward, and the Foulkſton and Advice-Prize bound for Holland with ſeveral Veſſels thither bound, which deſign to ſail the 7th of the next Month if the Wind preſent.

Portſmouth, Feb. 27. On Sunday laſt in the Evening her Majeſty's Ships Kent and Eſſex ſail'd for the Downes with about 20 Sail under her Convoy. Sir Edward Whitaker continues ſtill on board the Torbay at Spithead with a Squadron of her Majeſty's Ships.

Harwich, Feb. 27. On Sunday the Diſpatch Pacquet-Boat ſail'd hence with the Mail for Holland and 76 Recruits for Flanders. No Ship or Veſſel hath come in here or gone out ſince my laſt, all the Pacquet-Boats being detain'd on the other Side by contrary Winds, ſo that there remain three Mails due from Holland.

Deale, Feb. 27. The Queen's Ships as laſt mention'd are all ſtill here. This Morning came in hither her Majeſty's Ships Eſſex and Kent.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.

By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Thurſday, being the 1ſt of March, will be preſented a Comedy, call'd, The Man of Mode; or, Sir Fopling Flutter. The part of Sir Fopling by Mr. Cibber, Dorimant Mr Wilks, Medley Mr. Mills, Old Bell-Air Mr. Pinkethman, Young Bell-Air Mr. Bullock, Jun. Shoe-maker Mr. Bowen, Loveit Mrs Oldfield, Belinda Mrs. Rogers, Hariet Mrs. Santlow, Emilia Mrs. Porter.

This Play is Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott next Nando's Coffee houſe, Temple-Bar.

By Subſcription.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, on Saturday next, being the 3d Day of March, will be perform'd a new Opera, call'd, Rinaldo Tickets and Books will be delivered out at Mr. White's Chocolate-houſe in St. James's-Street, to Morrow and Saturday.

AN Entertainment by Mr. CLINCH of BARNET, who imitates the Flute, Double Curtel, the Organ with 3 Voices, the Horn, Huntſman and Pack of Hounds, the Sham-Doctor, the Old Woman, the Drunken Man, the Bells: All Inſtruments are perform'd by his natural Voice. To which is added an Eſſex Song by Mr. Clinch himſelf. To be ſeen this preſent Evening at 7 a Clock at the Queen's Arms Tavern on Ludgate-Hill. Price 1 s.

Monday, 1931

Postscript to the

FLYING-POST.

London, March 3.

Last Night came in Three Mails from Holland, with the following News:

Hague March 2.

The States have made the Rivers overflow the Country between Utrecht and Touck, from whence we have lamentable Accounts of Damage it has done. Villiers is sent for the King on Account that the Flanders are in a good Condition for the Reception of all the Troops, upon which the King has order'd the Merchants to

Paris March 2.

We begin with Intelligence from Catalonia, that the Duke of Vendosme having taken the Town of Arras, is marched with his main Army to Cervera, which blocks their Head Quarters; the Duke of Vendosme which lead the Relief of Mont Blanc Opposition, though a good Men might have defended them all his whole Army, and which to the Relief of Mont Blanc, Mountcat and Marmont, which is design to make his Head Quarters, and that there are 8000 Regular Troops besides Militia in Vendosme will be clapp'd to the Sword, after he has the open Country. The Troops of the King are to be Thursday next, but 'tis not Line when they shall march to Arras. March 1. Some Letters from Paris say, K resigns May a Day is ap- within 4 Leagues of Barcelona, and that this D. of Vendosme has the Court, that he hopes to take that City, or drive it to a Treaty. The Cats Succouring being in the Neighbourhood with Arms, Ammunition, Cloths, Money, &c. of this however is very much question'd. They pretend, that the King is not so afraid but they lay Several Parties of Men

A. Baldwin in Warwick-Lane.